(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (d) Delhi-Gurgaon Expressway is being implemented on Build, Operate and Transfer basis. As per the terms of the Concession Agreement, the Operations and Maintenance of the Expressway as per the standards provided in the agreement is also the responsibility of the Concessionaire. The mechanism for operation and maintenance to take care of smooth traffic flow, timely report on accidents and road maintenance on Expressway would be worked out by the concessionaire.

Road accidents in Tamil Nadu

2201. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number of casualties in road accidents in Tamil Nadu is high;

(b) the data of road accident deaths reported in Tamil Nadu during the last five years; and

(c) the details regarding the Centre's assistance extended to Tamil Nadu to check the road accidents during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) As reported by the Government of Tamil Nadu, the details regarding number of persons killed in road accidents during the years 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004 (the latest available data) are as under:—

Year	No. of persons killed
2000	9300
2001	9571
2002	9939
2003	9275
2004 (Provisional)	9507

(c) To check the road accidents in the country, this Ministry gives grant-in-aid under two schemes namely 'Two days Refresher training to Heavy Motor Vehicle drivers in the unorganized sector' to impart training to Heavy Motor Vehicle drivers to improve their skills and 'Grant of financial assistance for administering Road Safety Programme' for creating road safety awareness among road users through the Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs). The details of grants-in-add sanctioned under both the schemes for the State of Tamil Nadu during the year from 2001-02 to 2005-06 are as under:—

Year	Two days Refresher training to Heavy Motor Vehicle drivers in the uniorganized sector			Grant of financial assistance for administering Raod Safety Programme	
	No. of NGOs/Institution whom grants sanctioned	Amount Sanctioned (In Rupees)	No. of drivers	No. of NGOs whome grant sanctioned	Amount Sanctioned (In Rupees)
2001-02	-	-	-	2	2,60,000/-
2002-03	1	3,50,000/-	500	2	2,92,500/-
2003-04	2	22,75,000/-	3250	2	4,35,000/-
2004-05	2	67,45,000/-	9500	6	8,00,000/-
2005-06	1	53,26,000/-	7500	5	8,00,000/-

Third Phase of NHDP

2202. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the third phase the National Highway Development Programme (NHDP) which envisages construction of over 10,00 km. of four laned National Highways connecting various State capitals and important cities is behind schedule;

(b) whether it is also a fact that NHDP III is lagging behind in awarding contracts; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and the action proposed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a)